

Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015

FIVE YEARS IN THE DECADE



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DECADE SURVEY



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Objectives:

- **Getting an objective picture how the Decade governments and NGO partners see the past five years in the Decade**
 - **value added of the Decade, results, shortcomings and way of further improvement**
- **Getting an opinion on the Decade events, role of presidencies and international partners**
- **Decade Trust Fund – contribution, administration**
- **Role of the Decade Secretariat – how the secretariat should improve its work and assistance**

Five years in the Decade *View of the Governments*

Value added of the Decade – common position

- **The Decade is the moving engine for creating systematic Roma inclusion policies and implementation of programs**
- **Decade is import tool to lobby for Roma integration policies**
- **Institutional setup for Roma integration has been significantly improved in the Decade countries**
- **Roma participation is a key value and makes a difference**
- **As to government programs: educations was the primary focus followed by housing**

Five years in the Decade *View of the Governments*

Concerns raised

- **IOs to be more cooperative in providing technical assistance**
- **Decade has not reached yet local level**
- **Decade failed in monitoring and evaluation**

Five years in the Decade *View of the Governments*

Suggestions for improvement

- **Donors should support governments and NGOs in accordance with the NAPs only**
- **Monitoring, impact analysis, analysis on cost effectiveness should be compulsory**
- **Enhanced cooperation is crucially important with the European Commission**
- **Fund should be established similar to REF for**
 - **supporting infrastructure related projects**
 - **addressing unexpected emergency cases**

Five years in the Decade

View of civil society partners

Value added of the Decade – common position

- **Decade is the most important initiative for Roma**
- **Decade is an important tool to push governments for appropriate policies**
- **Roma became visible particularly in government structures**

Five years in the Decade

View of civil society partners

Concerns raised

- Decade is missing a vision
- Lack of data
- Lack of funding
- Lack of appropriate consultation between IOs and civil society actors
- Ad hoc actions of governments instead of systematic measures
- Insignificant change on community level
- Decade increased the prejudices toward Roma

Five years in the Decade

View of civil society partners

Suggestions for improvement

- **More attention should be paid on communication – development of a communication strategy**
- **Focus should be on monitoring and evaluation**
- **More lobby on EU level for acceptance and integration of the Decade**
- **Development of local actions plans**
- **Measures against Decade partners who regularly ignore Decade events**

Decade process and events

Common position

- **Presidency gives a good opportunity to national governments to focus on Roma integration**
- **Hungary considered as the best presidency** (priorities, international initiatives, workshops, organization)
- **Slovakia is the least successful** (priorities, national focus, organization)
- **Events are important platforms for exchanging experiences and information**
- **Good opportunity for networking**

Decade process and events

Concerns raised

- **Lack of involvement of civil society in the work of the presidencies**
- **Missing opportunity for Decade partners to comment draft presidency plans**
- **Missing follow up of recommendations of thematic workshops**

Decade process and events

Suggestions for improvement

- **Presidency plan should represent continuity, build on the work of previous presidencies**
- **Presidency should be more active on political level, advocacy role should be stronger on international stage**
- **Events should be more focused, interactive and provide practical knowledge accompanied by field visits**
- **International experts should be involved and invited**
- **Line ministry officials to be invited including Ministry of Finance**

Decade Trust Fund

- **Important tool to support Decade process**
- **Contribution needs to be planned due in advance to allocate funding from the national budget**
- **Several Decade partners expressed interest in applying for funding in the next 6 months**
- **DTF implementation procedure is very complicated and long**
- **Partners support the idea of taking over the administration of DTF by the Decade Secretariat while the Trust Fund would be still under the WB management system**

Decade Secretariat

- Compliments – overall satisfaction with the professional approach of the Decade Secretariat
- Considered as central contact point where information is easily accessible

Decade Secretariat

Suggestions for improvement

- **Sharing best practices, program and project descriptions**
- **Collect and share information on funding opportunities particularly EU funding**
- **Break the language barrier - translation of relevant documents into national languages**
- **Yearly monitoring visits on the implementation of NAP**
- **Initiating meeting on sub-regional level or on the level of National Coordinators**



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